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1. The economy of Saxony-Anhalt, in spite of all newspaper announcements to the contrary, is felt by German officials to be in a critical condition.

as examples the quarterly reports of the German ministries, which consistently complain of shortages of strategic materials, necessity for curtailing production, and dissatisfaction with distribution systems. In most cases, production quotas were only partly fulfilled, even for Russian requirements: in only a few instances was there an excess of production.

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2. A new Division for Utilization Matters (Abteilung für Verwertungsangelegenheiten) in the Ministry of Interior was created by cabinet decree on 7 April 1948 and commenced its activity on 25 April. Oberregierungsrat Beyer is the chief. Its functions include handling for the Land government all legal business necessary for administration and utilization of real estate, plants, or other property. Tight control of the new division is retained by the Minister of Interior, who can restrict distribution and assignments.

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